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## **October 2021 Newsletter Back to the Holidays**

For most of this year, we were walking, bit by bit, through the Christian calendar of holidays. We took a break from that after the start of Pentecost, also known as Trinity or the Ordinary Time of the year. During this long season, the lectionary readings mostly follow one after another through books of Scripture, especially as we walk through the life of Christ in the Gospels.

There are, however, a number of recognitions during these months. Most of them have to do with the death day of apostles, evangelists, and other people who were considered very important in the life of the Church.



Why are these recognitions on the day the person is known to have died? The early Christians considered that day, along with the day of baptism, if it was known, to be very important. On the day of baptism, the Christian was marked as a child of God. The promise of eternal life is applied. On the day of death, the Christian receives the gift of eternal life.



Christians have often recognized these saints' days by gathering in worship and to receive communion in addition to their normal gathering in Word and Sacrament each Sunday. For many of the saints, particular readings have become traditional on their days.

Those who have gone before us in Christ, and have become partakers of his death and await resurrection are examples to us, showing the redeeming work of God in Christ. We do well when we call them to mind, letting their calendar become ours.

## What Does a Campus Pastor Do??

Our dinner and conversation evenings have been restarted, and they are a great success so far! The fourth of these events is October 1. We'll have another on the 15<sup>th</sup>, but then we'll take the 29<sup>th</sup> off since I'll be out of town. The dinner and conversation is a great time to meet others, especially from different cultures around the world. So far this year we've had visits with people from Poland (but a transfer student from Italy), Nepal, China, Haiti, and Ghana, as well as our sort of American crowd. I hope I didn't miss anyone in that list!



Mizzou Homecoming weekend happens next week. Friday evening might be the perfect time to gather a few people and walk through campus, looking at the decorations. Many of the campus organizations have presentations and activities, including some for children. Being salt and light in the world involves, well, hanging around in that part of the world.



I'm still working to build a relationship with the Stephens College student athletes and any of their faculty and staff members who are interested. Schedules haven't always cooperated, but we're building relationships.

I'm still doing English conversation coaching and have made that known to the Mizzou Center for English Language Learning. If you want to learn to be a conversation coach and reach into the lives of some of our international visitors, let me know!

Fall term courses just started at the American Lutheran Theological Seminary. Pastor Spotts will be teaching Greek 1 on Tuesdays. If you are interested in any of the courses we offer, please apply at [www.alt.s.edu](http://www.alt.s.edu) – Affordable Christian education is for you too!

## Wittenberg Door Financial Update

Thank you for the great response, not just in the past month, but over the past several years, as we have let everyone know about our ministry finances. Some ministries have very large support networks and big budgets. Wittenberg Door doesn't. We would like to enlarge the supporter base. Frankly, there are plenty of ways we would like to bring Christ and his answers and care to our community, but we are not always able to pay for it. Over the next few years it will be necessary to increase our budget radically so as to be ready to call a full-time pastor when this pastor decides it's time to retire. Health care expenses are an increasing part of the budget. Many other budget areas are going to need to be increased, and, if you have been following Wittenberg Door for a while, you know that the ministry has not yet been in the position to pay an actual salary. However, the Lord has always provided for our needs and we have gotten by all right. As part of stewardship for the future, we would like to be able to

reach the point of offering our next pastor a full time salary, as the laborer is worthy of his keep.

Your contributions to Wittenberg Door Campus Ministry mean we can continue providing face to face pastoral ministry on the college campuses in Columbia Missouri. Your monthly support of \$30-\$50 can make an eternal difference in the lives of our collegiate communities. Please continue to invite your friends and associates to consider supporting this work.

Though I'm serving a local church on a part time basis, I do have the ability to make a visit to a congregation that is thinking of providing support for this ministry. We can and will work out a visit so your congregation can hear how to be partners with us in providing the face to face pastoral care on campus that is our hallmark.

Wittenberg Door Campus Ministry is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Your contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Checks mailed to us are deposited with no commission paid to any intermediary. Most of our contributions are actually received this way, but we can receive funds sent through Paypal or Google Pay as well. Giving is easy! Simply visit our website at [www.wittenbergcomo.com](http://www.wittenbergcomo.com) and click on "about" and "support us."

## Upcoming Activities:

**New Day!** Mondays at 12:30 pm – Lunch and Learn Bible discussion at the MU Student Center

Mondays – Recommit! Bible study at Beta Sigma Psi after Chapter Meeting

Wednesdays - Heidelberg Discussions – *The Spirituality of the Cross* (Second edition) 5:30 pm at The Heidelberg Restaurant on 9<sup>th</sup> Street. If you can't find us, ask the bartender where the pastor went.

Sundays - Adult Bible Class 9:00 am, Divine Service 10:00 am, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Centralia MO

Friday, October 1 - Dinner and Conversation Evening 6-8 pm

Friday, October 8 - 5 pm - let's go see the decorations and wander around Homecoming!

Friday, October 15 - Dinner and Conversation Evening 6-8 pm. This one is a little different - bring some food or drink to share from your home culture!

October 25-29 Pastor Spotts at TAALC Pastors' Convention and Clergy Commission Meetings

Friday, October 29 - No Dinner and Conversation

Watch the calendar at [www.wittenbergcomo.com](http://www.wittenbergcomo.com), follow our Facebook page, and friend WDCM Chaplain on Facebook to see times and places where Pastor Spotts can be found around campuses in coffee shops or restaurants!

**We always have something new at the website, the blog, and the activities calendar. Please be a friend on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. If you're in Columbia, let's get together on or near campus. Go to <https://www.wittenbergcomo.com/support-us.html> to provide financial support. The Wittenberg Door 300 needs you!**